

BOSTON, FEBRUARY 5TH, 1852.

DEAR SIR,

The Executive Committee appointed on the 12th September, last, at the meeting of the subscribers to the Reading Room and Club, on the corner of Beacon and Somerset Streets, have nearly completed the alterations and repairs required to prepare the estate for the uses for which it was purchased; it has occupied more time than was at first contemplated, particularly in arranging the basement for a public Restaurant, and building and fitting a commodious kitchen, in connection with it, which has considerably increased the value of the estate, and will be an important source of income; also, by using on the Club Rooms encaustic paint, which is believed to be far more durable, as well as more ornamental, than the common mode of painting.

Mr. J. Foreman, from the New York Hotel, has been engaged as the Superintendent of the Club and Lessee of the public Restaurant; the furniture has been purchased; and the Committee intend to call a meeting of the members of the Association, when the house is furnished and ready for use, which they confidently hope will be by the 1st March.

From the subscribers to the capital stock, \$200 has been collected on each share, amounting to \$20,000, of which, \$10,000 has been paid on account of the purchase of the estate, and the balance expended on account of repairs, alterations and furniture.

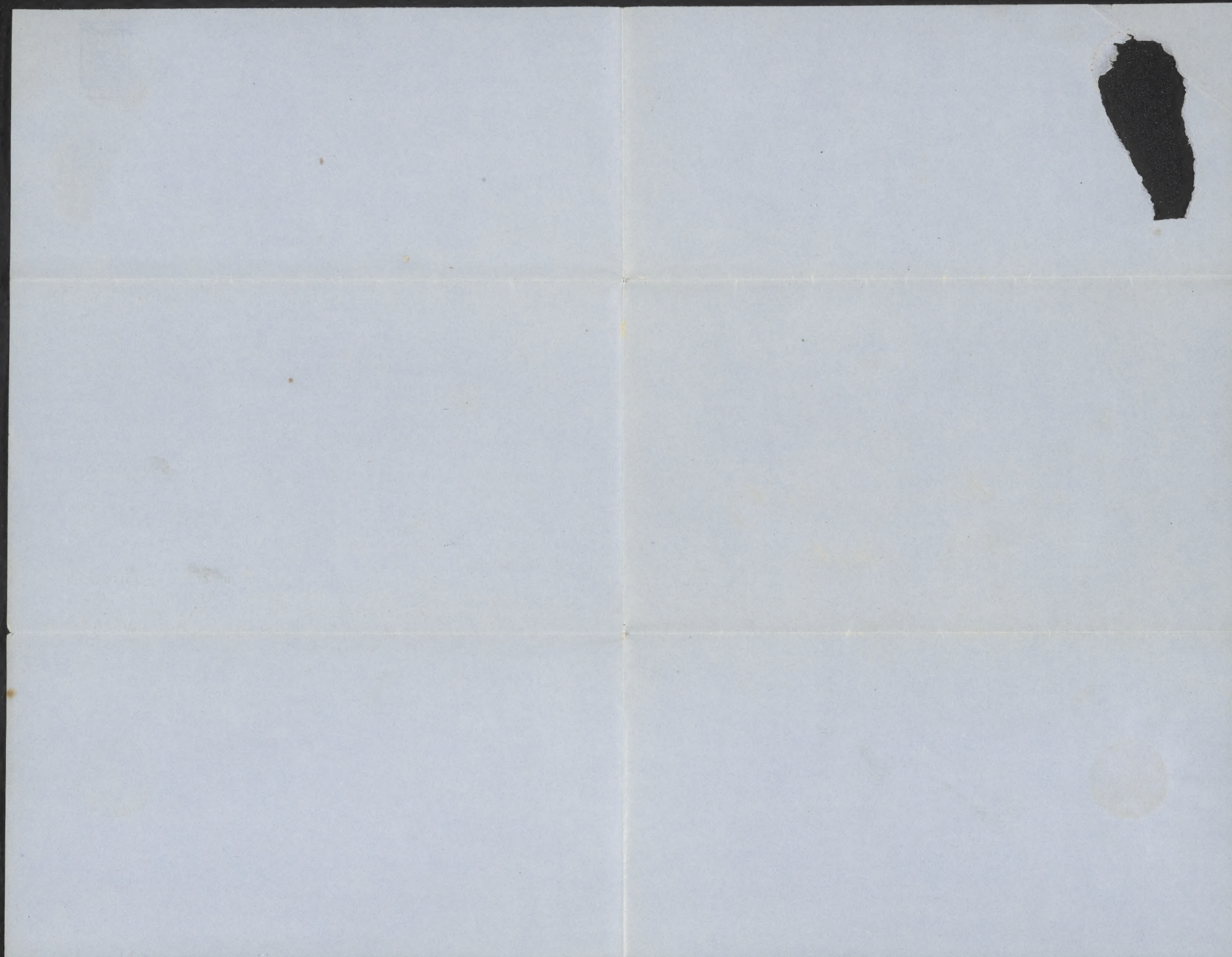
As it is desirable to settle all the bills for furniture as soon as it is received, the Committee request you to pay to S. HOOVER, the Treasurer, your *Entrance Fee*, as a member, being ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS, which, if more convenient, may be sent through the Post Office, addressed to the care of Wm. Appleton & Co., and a receipt for it will be sent to you.

Yours, respectfully,

JOHN D. BATES,

Chairman of the Committee.

To





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